



Attorney Docket: 225/48700  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

12/C  
DP  
12-12-01  
Fee ok

Applicant: CHRISTOPH ESPEY  
Serial No.: 09/529,365 Group Art Unit: 3753  
Filed: JUNE 13, 2000 Examiner: JOHN FOX  
Title: ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED VALVE

AMENDMENT

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED  
DEC 10 2001  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated August 6, 2001, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 15 as follows:

8. (Amended) An electrically activated valve comprising:

a valve stem holding a valve member interacting with a valve seat on a  
valve housing;

a valve spring providing a force in a first direction on said valve;

a value guide for guiding said valve stem in said valve housing;

an activating device which, when activated, provides a force in a direction  
opposite said first direction to axially move said valve stem and said valve  
member in said valve housing and said valve member interacting with said valve

seat on said valve housing to thereby determine flow through said valve;

12/12/2001 DPOLLARD 00000001 051323 09529365  
01 FC:115 110.00 CH